

**DECLARATION  
Utility Application**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **RAPID EXCHANGE SHEATH FOR DEPLOYMENT OF MEDICAL DEVICES AND METHODS OF USE** the specification of which

(Check One)  is attached hereto OR  
 was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application Serial No. Not yet assigned  
or PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Date of Filing	Priority Claimed	
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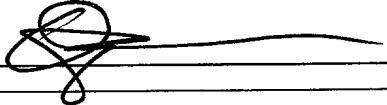
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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18, United States Code, § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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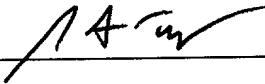
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Belef et al.

Serial No.: Unknown

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For: RAPID EXCHANGE SHEATH FOR DEPLOYMENT OF MEDICAL DEVICES  
AND METHODS OF USE

Docket No.: 1001.1424101

**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE**

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10:** The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" having an Express Mail mailing label number of EL811912858US, in an envelope addressed to: BOX APPLICATION, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C., 20231 on this 4th day of January, 2002.

By JoAnn Lindman

JoAnn Lindman

I, Todd Messal, patent counsel and legal representative of SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS, INC., hereby appoints the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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Patent Counsel

**LIMITED AUTHORIZATION TO ACT ON BEHALF OF ASSIGNEE  
REGARDING CERTAIN PATENT MATTERS  
EFFECTIVE THROUGH: December 31, 2002**

I, Paul W. Sandman, as Senior Vice President, Secretary, and General Counsel of Boston Scientific Corporation, the controlling corporation of:

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hereby authorize the following registered patent attorneys/ agents (1) to act on behalf of any of the corporations identified above, including Boston Scientific Corporation, with regard to any matters before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, any foreign patent offices, and any international patent entities, (2) to execute power of attorney documents on behalf of any of the corporations identified above, including Boston Scientific Corporation, to appoint and/or establish any attorneys, agents, and/or law firms to act on behalf of any of the corporations identified above, including Boston Scientific Corporation, in any foreign or international patent applications filed with any foreign and/or international patent offices, and (3) to execute assignment and ownership documents on behalf of any of the corporations identified above, including Boston Scientific Corporation, with regard to any matters before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, any foreign patent offices, and any international patent offices:

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Paul W. Sandman  
Senior Vice President, Secretary, and General Counsel

1/4/2002

Date

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS )  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX )  
ss.

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2002 before me personally appeared Paul W. Sandman to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes set forth herein.

Yona S.  
Notary Public

**NONA E. HURD  
NOTARY PUBLIC**  
My Commission Expires Oct. 4, 2002

ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, WE, ROSS S. TSUGITA, a citizen of U.S.A., and W. MARTIN BELEF, a citizen of U.S.A. (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNORS"), have invented a RAPID EXCHANGE SHEATH FOR DEPLOYMENT OF MEDICAL DEVICES AND METHODS OF USE for which application for Letters Patent of the United States of America has been executed on even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS, INC., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Minnesota and having its place of business at One Scimed Place, Maple Grove, Minnesota 55311-1566 (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the exclusive right, title and interest in, to and under said invention and in, to and under any Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefor in the United States of America, its territorial possessions and in any and all countries foreign thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest to said invention and to all Letters Patent or application or similar legal protection, not only in the United States and its territorial possessions, but in all countries foreign thereto, to be obtained for said invention by said application, and to any continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue thereof or any legal equivalent thereof in the United States or a foreign country for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted, including all priority rights under the International Convention; and ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent or any legal equivalent thereof to said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, in

accordance with this Assignment.

ASSIGNORS hereby covenant that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this Agreement;

ASSIGNORS further covenant that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents as may be known and accessible to ASSIGNORS and will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or its legal representative any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and said equivalents in the United States or in any foreign country, which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the ASSIGNORS have executed this Assignment at:

Santa Clara, CA

(City)

Ross S. Tsugita

Date

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(City)

  
W. Martin Belef

Date

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